

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A nonwoven fabric substrate for a clothes dryer fabric softener sheet, said nonwoven fabric substrate being formed from substantially continuous filaments having a denier within the range of 2 to 12 denier per filament, said filaments including matrix filaments formed of polyester homopolymer and binder filaments formed a polyester copolymer, and a multiplicity of bonds throughout the fabric at locations where the binder filaments contact other filaments, said bonds integrating the filaments into a coherent nonwoven fabric with a grab tensile strength of at least 6 pounds per inch in the machine direction and 3.5 pounds per inch in the cross-direction, said fabric having a basis weight of no more than 0.50 ounces per square yard and a thickness of from about 0.180mm to about 0.200 mm.
- 5 2. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 1, wherein the grab tensile strength is at least 7 pounds per inch in the machine direction and at least 4.5 pounds per inch in the cross direction.
- 10 3. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 2, wherein the thickness is from about 0.190 mm to about 0.195 mm.
4. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric basis weight is 0.48 ounce per square yard.
- 15 5. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 1, wherein the filaments have a denier per filament of 5 to 7.
- 20 6. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 1, wherein the filament have a trilobal cross-section.
7. The nonwoven fabric substrate of claim 1, in which the fabric is formed from 80% to 95% by weight polyethylene terephthalate homopolymer matrix filaments and 5% to 20% by weight polyethylene isophthalate copolymer binder filaments.
- 25 8. A nonwoven fabric substrate for a clothes dryer fabric softener sheet, said nonwoven fabric substrate being formed from substantially continuous filaments having a